



Greater Yellowstone Area Brucellosis

Montana Department of Livestock

Bison Management Operations



2004/2005 SEASON

Summary

- 2,292 bison moved back into YNP from west boundary.
- 98 bison transported to slaughter facilities, with meat, heads and hides donated to tribal organizations.
- 73 bison tested negative and released back onto public land.
- 17 bison transported to quarantine facility.
- 9 bison vaccinated against brucellosis at Duck Creek facility.
- National Park Service lethally removed one cow bison inside the Park about 1-2 miles north of Gardiner; the carcass was left for wild scavengers. The cow bison had been moved back into the YNP on four separate occasions.

Detailed Operations for 2004/2005

- 6-22-05
2 bull bison moved back into YNP from Horse Butte.
- 6-1-05
3 bison including 2 cows and 1 calf moved back into YNP from Hwy 191.
- 5-27-05
6 bison moved back into YNP including 4 bulls from private property and 2 bulls from Madison River/Rim.
- 5-26-05
2 bison moved back into YNP from Hwy 191.
- 5-25-05
32 mixed bison moved back into YNP including 2 bulls from Duck Creek, 5 bulls from private property, 4 mixed from Bakers Hole, 1 bull from Horse Butte, 14 mixed from Hwy 191 and 6 mixed from Madison River/Rim.
- 5-19-05
3 bull bison moved back into YNP from Duck Creek.
- 5-18-05
3 bull bison moved back into YNP from Duck Creek.
- 5-17-05
16 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 5 bulls from the Duck Creek area and 11 mixed bison from Madison River/Rim.
- 5-16-05
11 bison moved back into YNP including 5 mixed from Horse Butte and 6 mixed from Hwy 191.

- 5-15-05
64 mixed bison moved back into YNP including 8 bulls from private property, 40 mixed from Bakers Hole, 1 bull from Horse Butte, and 15 mixed from Hwy 191.
- 5-14-05
10 mixed bison moved back into YNP including 6 bulls from private property, 2 bulls from Bakers Hole and 2 mixed from Horse Butte.
- 5-13-05
161 mixed bison moved back into YNP including 1 bull from Bear Trap, 16 mixed from Cougar Creek, 16 bulls from private property, 4 mixed from Bakers Hole, 66 mixed from Horse Butte and 58 mixed from Madison River/Rim.
- 5-12-05
22 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 1 bull from private property and 21 mixed bison from Hwy 191.
- 5-11-05
182 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 140 from Horse Butte, 15 from South Fork, 16 from Fir Ridge, 11 from Lower Bear Trap area.
- 5-5-05
27 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 3 from Duck Creek, 3 from private property, and 21 from Highway 191.
- 5-4-05
137 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 18 from Duck Creek, 4 from Bear Trap, 22 from Baker's Hole, 71 from Horse Butte and 22 from the Madison River/Rim.
- 5-2-05
17 mixed bison moved back into YNP. Five bison were captured. One had tested negative for brucellosis earlier and will be released, and 4 will be transported to slaughter facilities on 5-3-05. The meat, heads and hides will be donated to tribal organizations.
- 5-1-05
20 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 10 from Duck Creek and 10 from Fir Ridge. Twelve bull bison were captured and will be transported to slaughter facilities on 5-3-05. The meat, heads and hides will be donated to tribal organizations.
- 4-28-05
27 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 3 from Duck Creek, 20 from Horse Butte and 4 from Madison River/Rim.
- 4-27-05
61 mixed bison moved back into YNP. A helicopter was used.
- 4-20-05
396 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 384 from the Madison River/Rim area and 12 from private property at Duck Creek.
- 4-19-05
Four bison moved back into YNP. A total of 33 mixed bison captured at Duck Creek facility. Testing was conducted on 4-20-05. Eighteen bison (14 cows/4 bulls) tested negative and were released back onto public land. Three yearlings were vaccinated with RB51 against brucellosis. Three calves were transported to a bison quarantine facility where they will be included in a Bison Quarantine Feasibility Study. Sixteen bison (12 cows/3bulls/1calf) tested positive and were transported to slaughter facilities. The meat, heads and hides will be donated to tribal organizations.

- 4-15-05
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property at Duck Creek.
- 4-13-05
A total of 51 mixed bison captured at Duck Creek facility. Testing for brucellosis was conducted on 4-14-05. Twenty-two bison tested negative (10 cows/7 bulls/5 yearlings) and were released back onto public land. Eligible yearlings were vaccinated with RB51 at the capture facility. Four calves were transported to a bison quarantine facility where they will be included in a Bison Quarantine Feasibility Study. Twenty-five bison tested positive (6 bulls/19 cows) and were transported to slaughter facilities. The meat, heads and hides were donated to tribal organizations.
- 4-12-05
A total of 18 additional mixed bison captured at Duck Creek facility. Those captured 4-11-05 and today were tested for brucellosis. Thirteen tested negative (4 bulls, 7 cows, 2 yearlings) and were released back onto public land. The yearlings were vaccinated with RB51 at the capture facility. Four calves were transported to a bison quarantine facility where they will be included in a Bison Quarantine Feasibility Study. Nineteen tested positive (12 cows, 6 bulls and 1 calf) and will be transported to slaughter facilities. The meat, heads and hides will be donated to tribal organizations.
- 4-11-05
A total of 18 mixed bison captured at Duck Creek facility. Testing for brucellosis will take place on 4-12-05.
- 4-07-05
A total of 37 mixed bison moved back into YNP from the Horse Butte area.
- 4-06-05
A total of 259 mixed bison moved back into YNP from the Horse Butte and Madison River/Rim areas.
- 4-05-05
5 bulls were moved back into YNP from the Duck Creek area. A total of 24 mixed bison captured at Duck Creek facility. Testing for brucellosis took place on 4-06-06. Thirteen tested negative (5 bulls, 7 cows, 1 yearling) and were released back onto public land. The yearling was vaccinated with RB51 at the capture facility. Three calves were transported to a bison quarantine facility where they will be included in a Bison Quarantine Feasibility Study. Eight tested positive (5 cows/3 bulls) and will be transported to slaughter facilities. The meat, heads and hides will be donated to tribal organizations.
- 3-31-05
A total of 23 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 19 from Horse Butte and 4 bulls from the Madison River/Rim area.
- 3-30-05
A total of 216 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 130 from Horse Butte and 86 from the Madison River/Rim area.
- 3-27-05
A total of 14 mixed bison captured at Duck Creek facility. Testing for brucellosis took place on 3-29-05. Three tested negative (2 cows/1 bull) and were released back onto public land. Three bull calves were transported to a bison quarantine facility where they will be included in a Bison Quarantine Feasibility Study. Eight tested positive (6 cows/2 bulls) and were transported to slaughter facilities on 3-30-05. The meat, heads and hides will be donated to tribal organizations.
- 3-26-05
A total of 14 mixed bison moved back into YNP from Highway 191.
- 3-25-05
A total of 43 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 39 from Horse Butte area and 4 from Madison River.

- 3-24-05
A total of 10 bull bison moved back into YNP from Cougar Creek.
- 3-23-05
A total of 47 mixed bison moved back into YNP from Horse Butte and Madison River area.
- 3-22-05
A total of 127 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 122 from Horse Butte and 5 from the Madison River area.
- 3-21-05
A total of 6 bull bison were captured, including 5 from private property at Duck Creek and 1 from Highway 191. The bison were tested for the disease of brucellosis on Tuesday. On Wednesday, three bison were released back onto public land and 3 bison were transported to slaughter facilities. The meat, heads and hides will be donated to tribal organizations.
- 3-16-05
A total of 42 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 35 from Horse Butte, 6 from Madison River and 1 bull from private property at Duck Creek.
- 3-14-05
A total of 8 bull bison moved back into YNP, including 4 from the Madison River and 4 from private property at Duck Creek.
- 3-10-05
A total of 9 bull bison moved back into YNP, including 6 from the Madison River and 3 from private property at Duck Creek (same 3 bulls moved back from Duck Creek 3 times today).
- 3-09-05
A total of 11 bull bison moved back into YNP, including 4 from private property at Duck Creek, and 7 from Highway 191.
- 3-08-05
A total of 88 mixed bison moved back into YNP, including 74 from Horse Butte, 11 from the Madison River and 3 bulls from private property at Duck Creek.
- 3-03-05
3 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property at Duck Creek.
- 3-02-05
A total of 4 bull bison moved back into YNP, including 3 from the Madison River and 1 from Horse Butte.
- 2-23-05
2 bull bison moved back into YNP from Madison River.
- 2-09-05
5 bull bison moved back into YNP from Madison River.
- 1-25-05
A total of 7 bull bison moved back into YNP including 6 from the Madison River and 1 from Duck Creek.
- 1-12-05
National Park Service lethally removed 1 cow bison inside the park about 1-2 miles north of Gardiner; the carcass was left for wild scavengers. The cow bison had been hazed back into YNP on four separate occasions.

- 1-04-05
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from Fir Ridge area at Duck Creek.
- 12-12-04
3 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property at Duck Creek.
- 12-09-04
2 bull bison moved back into YNP from Fir Ridge area at Duck Creek.
- 12-07-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from Fir Ridge area at Duck Creek.
- 12-02-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from Bear Trap area at Duck Creek.
- 11-29-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from Fir Ridge at Duck Creek, and 1 bison captured at Upper Bear Trap area and transported to slaughter facilities, with the meat, head and hide donated to a tribal organization.
- 11-23-04
A total of 6 bull bison moved back into YNP including 1 from Bear Trap area at Duck Creek and 5 from Yellowstone Village at Horse Butte area.
- 11-21-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property at Duck Creek.
- 11-18-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from Bear Trap area at Duck Creek.
- 11-17-04
4 bull bison moved back into YNP from Horse Butte area.
- 11-11-04
3 bull bison moved back into YNP from Duck Creek area.
- 11-09-04
A total of 6 bull bison moved back into YNP including 1 from Bear Trap area at Duck Creek and 5 from Yellowstone Village at Horse Butte area.
- 11-08-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property at Duck Creek.
- 11-05-04
A total of 9 bull bison moved back into YNP including 2 from Fir Ridge area and 7 from private property at Duck Creek area.
- 11-04-04
2 bull bison moved back into YNP from Bear Trap area at Duck Creek.
- 11-03-04
A total of 12 bull bison moved back into YNP including 10 from private property at Duck Creek and 2 from Yellowstone Village at Horse Butte area.
- 11-02-04
3 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property at Duck Creek area.

- 11-01-04
8 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property at Duck Creek.
- 10-29-04
2 bull bison moved back into YNP from Bear Trap area at Duck Creek.
- 10-28-04
5 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property at Duck Creek area.
- 10-27-04
6 bull bison moved back into YNP including 5 from Bear Trap area and 1 from Horse Butte area.
- 10-26-04
4 bull bison moved back into YNP from Yellowstone Village in Horse Butte area.
- 10-20-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property at Duck Creek area.
- 10-19-04
4 bull bison moved back into YNP from Duck Creek. 1 bull bison captured at Lower Bear Trap area and transported to slaughter facility on 10-20-04. The meat, head and hide will be donated to tribal organization.
- 10-15-04
9 bull bison moved back into YNP including 8 from Bear Trap, and 1 from private property at Duck Creek area.
- 10-13-04
5 bull bison moved back into YNP including 1 from Bear Trap, 1 from private property at Duck Creek area, and 3 from Horse Butte.
- 10-12-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property.
- 10-11-04
2 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property.
- 10-5-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from Bear Trap area.
- 10-1-04
13 bull bison moved back into YNP including 2 from Duck Creek, 8 from Fir Ridge and 3 from private property.
- 9-30-04
2 bull bison moved back into YNP from Duck Creek area.
- 9-23-04
2 bull bison moved back into YNP, one from Duck Creek and one from Fir Ridge.
- 9-20-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from Duck Creek area.
- 9-19-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from private property at Duck Creek area.

- 9-16-04
1 bull bison moved back into YNP from Bear Trap area at Duck Creek.
- 7-15-04
1 bull bison captured at Duck Creek and transported to slaughter facilities. The meat, head and hide was donated to a tribal organization.